

THE GILLS



Shaw fire! Peter Shaw powers home the header which gave Gillingham the lead against Chelsea.

BOLTON

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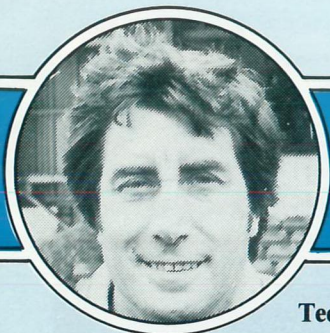
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MANAGEMENT TALK

Ted Buxton

Good Evening Friends,

Tonight we welcome John McGovern and his Bolton side for a rare visit to Priestfield. John doesn't need any introduction for anyone who follows the game.

A truly fine professional, he played under Brian Clough at Hartlepool, Derby, Leeds and of course held aloft the European Cup as skipper of Nottingham Forest.

Now he's sampling the roller coaster of management with Bolton whom I thought were a little unlucky to be relegated on the evidence of what I saw of them last season.

Injuries are the curse of soccer and I must say that our cause wasn't helped by the lack of five players for the curtain-raiser at Sheffield United. Hopefully, the situation will have improved dramatically in our favour tonight.

I know that we haven't made the best of starts but for that reason alone try and lend a little extra encouragement to the lads. It works wonders and I know they'll give positive response.

The kids have started well in the South East Counties League with Bill Collins back at the helm. That's one of the reasons why I believe we can expect great things from the youngsters this season.

And while I'm on the subject, why not pop along to the Garrison one Saturday morning and take a look at some of the new faces. Players like Terry Verrall, Vic Davies, Steve Wilson plus a very useful goalkeeper called Mark Beeney who already stands 6ft 4in.

We've also been fortunate to sign three more promising lads recently from the Sussex area — Phil Edwards, Matt Ayres and Brian Clark. All have represented Sussex at youth level.

It's very satisfying when a youngster you recommend puts pen to paper after chasing him for miles, and especially when other clubs are in contention.

Have an enjoyable evening and let's get behind the lads from the start and help them to achieve the right result. Take care now.

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GEORGE BOWS OUT — FOR KEEPS

George Jacks, such a splendid servant to Gillingham and Player of the Year for season 1973-74, has decided to hang up his boots for good!

George, who over the years has made nearly as many comebacks as Sinatra, vows that this time it's for good. He told us: "I've two brothers-in-law who have been on at me for years to go over and watch West Ham so that's what I'm going to do. This time I'm finishing for keeps."



Carl Gilbert — now with Canterbury City.

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George's last club was Southern League Canterbury City whose manager Brian Yeo has replaced George with another ex-Gill in veteran Carl Gilbert, whom it was rumoured was going into management running Deal Town's reserve side.

Still at Canterbury is Graham Knight who last season collected the Supporters' Player of the Year award.

Meanwhile, our near-neighbours Chatham Town, now in the Southern League, have recruited two former Gills in Damien Richardson, now playing in a continental 'libero' role, and Glenn Aitken.

Further up North, another ex-Gill, Mark Miller is back in the Football League with Doncaster Rovers while 'have boots will travel' goalkeeper Martin Hodge, who spent a time on loan here last season, has moved to Sheffield Wednesday — again on loan. He made his debut on the opening day of the season in the 1-0 defeat of Swansea.

Nigel Donn, who linked up with Orient after leaving Priestfield two seasons ago, has joined his home town club Maidstone while Colin Powell has taken his first steps into management as player-coach to Isthmian League Tooting and Mitcham.

ICELAND BOUND

Congratulations to Paul Collins and Paul Avery on their selection to the England under 16 squad which competes in the UEFA competition in Iceland tomorrow.

Apparently Paul Collins has so impressed the England coaches during training sessions, that he has been given the responsibility for all set-pieces.

“BALLY’S” LAMENT

The voice was pitched just as high and that familiar red hair stood out like a beacon! Alan Ball was paying his first visit to The Garrison on Saturday, August 27

The Kent Police, Kent League Division One team were to have played at Sittingbourne on the same night but because so many members of the side were on duty, the match was postponed until the following night. Sadly, the Police slumped 4-0.

Incidentally, don't you find it refreshing that a match such as the Chelsea one could be so trouble-free. Let's hope it's an omen for better behaviour this season.

LOAN RANGERS

Welcome to Paul Garner and Ray Daniel who have arrived on a

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in his new capacity as manager of Portsmouth's South East Counties League side.

In fact it was “Bally’s” debut in charge of the side. But there was no celebration afterwards. Our own Bill Collins, back in charge of the youth team, would not be denied and was delighted to see the young Gills register a fine 1-0 win.

WELL DONE

Against all predictions, Gillingham's Milk Cup home tie against Chelsea passed off without incident. Many congratulations to the police for their diligence and apologies to some who had their own match postponed because of the tie.

month's loan from Sheffield United and Luton Town respectively.

Paul, 27, has made over 200 appearances for United and will be no stranger to Gills fans. Born in Doncaster, he made 96 appearances for Huddersfield Town before moving to Bramall Lane where he established himself in the left back slot.

He won all of soccer's admiration with his comeback, against the odds, after a car crash which threatened to curtail his career.

Ray, 18, plays wide left either up front or in midfield. He is an exciting prospect with a bright future.

THE GREEN LINE

Tonight we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Bolton Wanderers to Priestfield for what promises to be an attractive fixture. Although Bolton have previously been in Division Three, albeit for only a short spell, there is a tendency to think of them as a First Division side.

Traditionally, one of the relegated teams always seems to make a bid for a quick return to Division Two and of this year's three, I would consider the best equipped to be Burnley, last year's Milk Cup semi-finalists and now managed by John Bond. One factor particularly in favour of Burnley could be the £100,000 signing from Manchester City of Kevin Reeves a player of undoubted class and quality and a member of the England squad only two years ago. John Bond has a tradition of signing players from his previous clubs, witness both his son Kevin and striker Phil Boyer who followed him from Bournemouth to City, via Norwich, and ex-Gill Mel Machin, who served under John Bond here, then at Bournemouth and Norwich.

This suggests that a few more familiar faces could yet bolster Burnley's promotion challenge. Rotherham manager George Kerr, who led Grimsby Town to the championship in 1979/80, is unlikely to emulate that feat, but his side could yet emerge as promotion outsiders.

Overall I would suggest Plymouth Argyle, Port Vale and perhaps either Millwall or Bristol Rovers to be the principal promotion candidates, although I am naturally reserving judgement on the Gills. At the bottom of the table I might expect to see Scunthorpe United, Orient, Preston North End and Southend United, or maybe Wigan Athletic or Wimbledon. With my record for successful predictions that probably means that come next May Scunthorpe and Orient will be contesting the championship! Still if you think you can do better I'd like to hear from you.

JIM GREEN

Quiz Time

1. For which club will much-travelled ex-England striker Frank Worthington be playing this season?
2. Which side won the Servowarm Isthmian League title last year?
3. When were tonight's visitors last in Division Three?
4. Who scored the only goal of last season's Scottish Cup Final?
5. Which Scottish team won promotion last year having never previously finished in the top half of the Second Division table?
6. Name the Kent-born goalkeeper signed by Liverpool as cover for Bruce Grobbelaar?
7. Who is now player/manager at Exeter City?
8. For which team is former Gills player Nigel Donn now playing?
9. Which team was in a promotion position from Nov. 27th 1982 to May 7th 1983 yet missed out on promotion on the very last day of the season?
10. Apart from Dean Horrix, Reading have also signed two other forwards, both from Portsmouth. Who are they?

Answers on page 13

TEN YEARS AGO

Any doubts concerning Gillingham's ability to make an impact in Division Four were shoved into storage after an eventful four days at the beginning of September 1973.

Supporters were left in no doubt that Gills meant business when the team returned from a visit to Swansea with an excellent 3-0 victory to their credit.

On a hot afternoon, full back Keith Lindsey blasted them into the lead and then Brian Yeo turned home a pass from Alan Wilks to make it 2-0. As the Welshmen wilted, Dick Tydeman rounded off the scoring with a magnificent drive from fully 30 yards.

Four days later, on Wednesday 12 September, they followed that up with an overwhelming success, against Scunthorpe United, at Priestfield.

On a memorable night, Yeo registered a hat-trick as Gills raced to a most impressive 7-2 victory.

The demolition job was completed by Damien Richardson (2), Tydeman and Wilks.

The points lifted Gillingham up to seventh place in the table and with the next fixture an easy home match against struggling Darlington, there was every reason to believe that Gills would be in the top four by the weekend. But, the Darlington game didn't go according to plan. Can you recall what happened?

ANDY BRADLEY

Facts and Stats

by David Garth

With the football season now into its second week, results have already started people talking of promotion candidates and those likely to struggle.

In our own Division the clear favourites for the Championship according to the Bookies are **Sheffield United** who, with their superb support, experienced squad, and great tradition must certainly be one of the sides to watch in the next few months. Tradition is certainly one thing that supporters of this evening's visitors **Bolton Wanderers**, know all about and they could well be one of the teams looking for honours along with near-neighbours **Preston Burnley**, yet another Lancastrian outfit, must be hoping that the appointment of outspoken manager John Bond will be the start of their march back to glory days — although I personally feel that Bond's task may take longer than just one season.

Of the four sides coming up from Division Four, **Hull City** look the best equipped to maintain their upward trend and could well be a side to go up from Div 4 to Div 2 in only two seasons.

At the other end of the scale I feel that **Exeter City** are most likely to end up with the wooden spoon with both **Bournemouth** and **Bradford City** having a tough time to pick up win bonuses. One side that could well experience a change in fortunes could be last season's front-runners **Lincoln City** who have the smallest first-team squad in the Division while **Wimbledon**, who won the Division 4 Championship could yet again drop straight back to the basement to continue their yo-yo existence between Divisions 3 and 4.

It's a Fact (No. 32) . . . Bolton Wanderers

The largest attendance for any game in England was in excess of 200,000 on 28th April 1923 when **Bolton Wanderers** met **West Ham United** in the F.A. Cup Final. The game was the first to be played at the newly built Wembley Stadium and, although the crowd was officially recorded at 126,047, many thousands more climbed over the walls to cover the pitch before being pushed back to see Wanderers beat United 2-0 thanks to goals from Jack and J. R. Smith.

For the record, Bolton's team on that day was as follows:- Pym, Haworth, Finney, Nutall, Seddon, Jennings, Butler, Jack, J. Smith, J. R. Smith, Vizard.

Please note: The first set of statistics relating to this season will appear in the next match day magazine.

AWAY WITH THE GILLS

To Plymouth

By motorway, take M4 then M5 to junction 30. Come off motorway and follow signs to Exe Estuary Bridge. Continue with M5 signs to Plymouth and junction for Plympton. After three miles take first exit at roundabout for the A374 and follow sign posts to city centre.

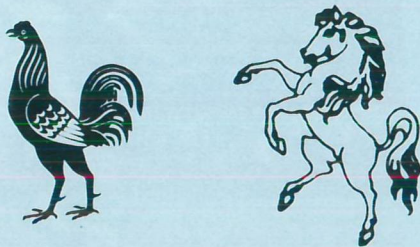
Admission — Main Grandstand: Adults £3.50; juveniles under 16 £2.50. Mayflower Stand: Adults £2.50; juveniles under 16 £1.20; senior citizens £1.80. Ground: Adults £2; juveniles under 16 £1; senior citizens £1.

To Chelsea

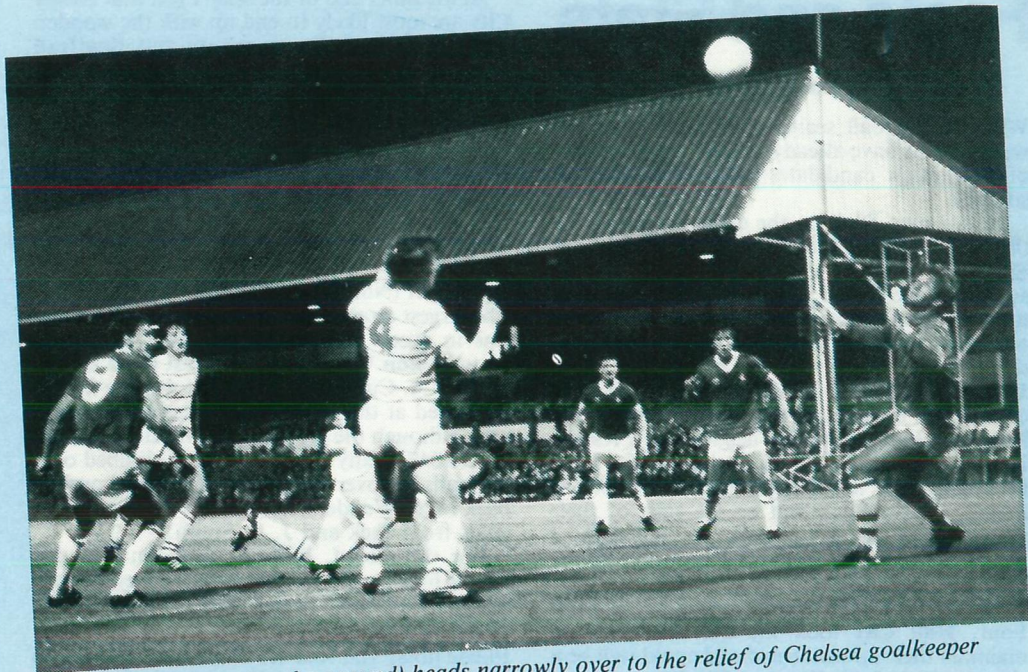
Admission — Main Stand: £4 lower tier; £6 middle tier; £5 upper tier. Concessions are available to those applying by post for a reservation in the family section which is available to adults with children under 16 and costs £3.50 for adults and £1.50 for children. Reservations must be made in advance and will not be taken on the day.

Admission to the West Stand costs £5 and ground £2.50.

COURAGE



*Courage and The Gills —
together a great team*



Dave Mehmet (on the ground) heads narrowly over to the relief of Chelsea goalkeeper Eddie Neidzwiecki.



John Leslie gets in low to volley goalwards, despite the close attention of John Hollins.



Chelsea goalkeeper Eddie Neidzwiecki punches clear under pressure.

TODAYS VISITORS TODAYS

JOHN PLATT (Goalkeeper). Born Ashton. Began his professional career with Oldham Athletic in March 1974 after joining them from his local club, Ashton United. Made over 100 League appearances for them before moving to Bury during the summer of 1981. Joined Bolton during the summer after Republic of Ireland International Jim McDonagh moved to Notts County.

SIMON FARNWORTH (Goalkeeper). Born Chorley. Young promising keeper, he has been waiting in the wings for his first team break for the past couple of seasons.

GERRY McELHINNEY (Defender). Born Londonderry. An aggressive and enthusiastic player, he is a former Gaelic footballer and amateur boxer. He joined Bolton from Distillery during the summer of 1980 and made his League debut at the beginning of the following season.

RAY DEAKIN (Defender). Born Liverpool. Left-back who is also adaptable to a midfield role, he signed for Bolton during the summer of 1982 on a free transfer from Port Vale. He began his career with Everton, but was unable to break into their first team squad.

NEIL BERRY (Defender). Born Edinburgh. Former Scottish Youth International, he made his League debut in March 1982. Last season was his first full season in professional football and he promises to have a first class career in front of him.

ERIC SNOOKES (Defender). Born Birmingham. A close season signing from Rochdale where he spent five seasons. He began his career with Preston North End as an apprentice. Turned professional with them in March 1973 before moving to Crewe in July 1974. A year later he was on the move again, this time to Southport for whom he made 110 League appearances.

PETER VALENTINE (Defender). Born Huddersfield. Promising young central defender, he signed for Bolton during the summer in an exchange deal that took former Wanderers' skipper Paul Jones to Huddersfield.

BRIAN BORROWS (Defender). Born Liverpool. Signed just before the transfer deadline last March for a small fee from Everton, he made eight League appearances for Bolton last season all in a midfield role. He made his League debut for Everton in January 1982 and was a regular for them in the right-back position until the end of the season.

WARREN JOYCE (Midfield). Born Oldham. Son of club coach Walter Joyce, the former Blackburn and Burnley defender, he got his chance in the Bolton side last season. An all round sportsman, he was a county cricketer at colts level and a rugby union schoolboy tourist.

JOHN MCGOVERN (Midfield). Born Montrose. Appointed Player-Manager in June 1982, he is one of the game's most respected players. A former Scottish U/23 International, he began his career with Hartlepool in May 1967 after serving his apprenticeship with them. Moved to Derby County in September 1968 where he won a League Championship medal with them in 1973. Later had a short spell with Leeds United before joining Nottingham Forest in February 1975. Whilst at the County Ground, he captained Forest to a League Championship, two European Cup and two Football League Cup successes.

STEVE THOMPSON (Midfield). Born Bolton. Operates wide in his role, but likes to cut in for his powerful shooting. Made his League debut for Bolton last season.

NEIL REDFEARN (Midfield). Born Bolton. Made his League debut last season when aged only 17. Enthusiastic and packing a fierce shot, he finished the season with 10 League appearances to his credit.

JEFF CHANDLER (Forward). Born Hammersmith. A livewire winger with an abundance of skill and control, he cost Bolton a £40,000 fee to Leeds United in October 1981. Began his League career with Blackpool and has since won International recognition with Eire.

WAYNE FOSTER (Forward). Born Leigh. A former local schoolboy, he made his League debut in November 1981 and for the rest of the season was a regular member of the side. Gained his first England Youth cap last season in a European Championship tie against Scotland.

SIMON RUDGE (Forward). Born Warrington. Became a big hit with the Bolton fans last season with his terrier like qualities and sharpness around the six yard box. Three goals from 21 appearances in a side struggling for goals was enough to suggest that he has a bright future in the game.

TONY CALDWELL (Forward). Born Lancashire. His record breaking feats in non-League football soon brought him to the attention of the North West League clubs. Bolton got in first to sign the self employed electrician on part time professional terms from Horwich R.M.I.

ROGER TRIGG

BOLTON



VISITORS TODAY'S VISITORS

Formed: 1874.

Ground: Burnden Park.

Club Colours: White shirts, blue shorts, white stockings.

Change Colours: Green shirts, green shorts, green stockings.

Record Attendance: 69,912 v Manchester City (F.A. Cup) 18 February 1933.

Record Receipts: £53,931 v Everton (F.L. Cup) 15 February 1977.

Record Victory: 13-0 v Sheffield United (F.A. Cup) 1 February 1890.

Record Defeat: 0-7 v Manchester City (Div. 1) 21 March 1936.

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £350,000 to West

Bromwich Albion for Len Cantello, May 197.

Record Transfer Fee Received: £340,000 from Birmingham City for Neil Whatmore, August 1981.

Record Goalscorer: Joe Smith with 38 goals in season 1920-21.

Most League Appearances: Eddie Hopkinson, 519, 1956-70.

Most Capped Player: Nat Lofthouse, 33, England.

Honours: Champions, Div. 2: 1908-09; 1977-78; Runners-up: 1899-1900, 1904-05, 1910-11, 1934-35. Champions, Div. 3: 1972-73. F.A. Cup Winners: 1923, 1926, 1929, 1958; Runners-up: 1894, 1904, 1953.



BACK ROW: Brian Borrows, Neil Berry, John Platt, Simon Farnworth, Gerry McElhinney, Peter Valentine.

MIDDLE ROW: Warren Joyce, Neil Redfearn, Steve Thompson, Tony Caldwell, Eric Snookes, Wayne Foster.

FRONT ROW: Charlie Wright (Coach), Jeff Chandler, Steve Saunders, John McGovern (Player-Manager), Ray Deakin, Simon Rudge, Peter Nightingale (Physiotherapist).



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On The Field: The Northern Sunday papers paid tribute to a "slick and promising" first half from Gillingham that had Sheffield United "struggling". The 4-0 scoreline was hardly a realistic one and there are plenty of grounds for optimism, bearing in mind that five regular players were unavailable. A bright start to the Chelsea match, but class told in the end, though there were one or two chances which we might have taken to have surprised them near the end.

Lapel Badge: These cost 90 pence and are based on a competition-winning design by Lee Rice. It features the Gillingham horse against the background of a castle, signifying the historical interest of both the Medway Towns and Kent.

Thanks: To Mr K. Williams of 131, Albert Street, Fleet, Hampshire for a donation of programmes. He attended the recent Open Day and would like to know of other Gillingham exiles living in his area.

Mascot: Welcome to Gareth Wood, son of Priestfield groundsman Bill Wood. When asked his favourite player, he replied "All of them."

Buy One: We are always pleased to supply any supporter wishing to sell the new Six Game Spectrum; 25 pence lottery tickets and the 10 pence "Money Spinner." Our committee men live throughout the Medway Towns and near Maidstone and will be pleased to assist.

MARK AGATE

Social Club

A warm welcome to our friends from Burnden Park whom I hope will take advantage of our snack bar which sells a choice of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and bread rolls.

The Gills Social Club weekly tote runs throughout the year and tickets may be purchased on any night of the week with the winning combination being drawn each Sunday lunchtime. Tickets for the weekly raffle are on sale now with prizes of beer, spirits and cash drawn on Sunday evenings.

Sad to report that one of our favourite discos — "Southern Express" — has disappeared from the Medway music scene. They've been our regular DJs at the club for many years and we wish them well.

Chas Oddy, our entertainment secretary, would be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to use the club for any special event. Give him the date and he'll arrange the music.

There are still a number of unfinished matches in our indoor games matches so would entrants please complete their games as quickly as possible. Anyone having difficulty in contacting their opponent should see Kevin Julian.

Finally, thanks to all members for their co-operation during the membership card check over the past week. Anyone who has mislaid their card should contact Jack Ackrill to obtain a duplicate replacement.

ALAN LIPTROTT



GILLS TRAVEL CLUB

PLYMOUTH:

Sat. 10 September

Fare: £7.00

Departure 7.30 am

On Saturday we make the trip to the West Country and thanks to the local Maidstone & District Bus Company we are able to offer the above value for money fare. Children under 16 accompanied by parent or guardian are entitled to a reduced fare, on this occasion £4.00.

Seats are still available and can be booked on Medway 375919, 51326 or 51261.

Membership: If you intend travelling to more than a couple of away games then we recommend you join us as an Associate member. There are various benefits including money back at the end of the season under our rebate scheme. Associate membership costs just £2.00 for the season and this can be recouped by just travelling to a couple of games. In a later magazine we will explain in detail why we charge a membership fee and why we have been able to run a coach to every away game for the last eight years. (The Sheffield game last week was our 218th).

Book for Plymouth now ...
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AWAY TRAVEL

Saturday Sept 10th

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

Depart 7.30 a.m. Fare £8.00

Tuesday Sept 13th

(Milk Cup 1st Round 2nd Leg)

CHELSEA

Depart 4.30 p.m. Fare £3.00

Seat bookings for all the above away matches can be made in the Social Club immediately after today's match or contact Alan or Gloria Liptrott on Medway 63561 (Home) or Medway 51385 (Social Club). During the season discount fares will be offered to supporters who have travelled with us regularly. No membership fees are required and we travel to all away games in luxury coaches supplied by Reliance of Gravesend.

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BY ANDY BRADLEY

CHEESMUIR, FRED. The toast of Priestfield in April 1930 when, at the age of only 19, he scored all of Gillingham's goals in a 6-0 victory over Merthyr. His double hat-trick makes him the Club's highest scorer in a Football League fixture. 55 apps, 20 goals.

CLARK, ARCHIE. Long serving manager whose reign at Priestfield was interrupted by the War years. He remained with Gillingham from 1939 until departing to become chief scout for Sheffield United in 1957.

COLLINS, ALBERT. Sheerness born centre-half who was signed from Millwall for £100 in 1929. After five years service he was rewarded with a benefit match against his old club. Unfortunately wet weather reduced the takings to a meagre £39. Albert returned to Gillingham as reserve team trainer in 1937 and became first team trainer in 1944. 172 apps, 4 goals.

COLLINS, BILL 'BUSTER'. Resident Irishman at Priestfield and has been virtually ever since 1949 when he was signed by Archie Clark, together with the Burtenshaw brothers, from Luton Town. After his playing days were over, Bill returned to the Club as Youth Team manager and was rewarded with a testimonial game against Arsenal last season.

COLOURS. Black and white stripes with black shorts were the Club's original colours. The switch to blue and white — 'jerseys and knickers' — as they were known in those days — occurred in 1931.

COURT, ALBERT. Centre-forward signed from Northfleet who in 1909-10 became the first Brompton player to score 20, or more, goals in a season. He plundered a total of 22 which was easily his best return in six seasons with the Club. 104 SL apps, 34 goals.

COX, W. S. CHARLES. Father of the current vice-chairman who led Gills back into the Football League in 1950. He became a director in 1944 and was Chairman from 1947 until his death in 1959.

COX, FREDDIE. Outspoken former Tottenham, Arsenal and W.B.A. winger who became Gillingham manager in 1962 and, with a defensive style of play, guided the Club to its first ever honour at Football League level — the Fourth Division championship of 1963-64.

Freddie departed to take over the vacant position at Bournemouth in December 1965.



The late Freddie Cox.

CRABBE, JOHN. Ubiquitous midfield player purchased from Southampton for £10,000 in January 1977. Crabbie was not retained at the end of the 1979-80 season and linked up with Carlisle United. 181 apps, 13 goals.

CROSSAN, ERROL. Speedy outside right who became better known after leaving Gillingham, as a member of the Norwich City team which — as a Third Division club — reached the F.A. Cup semi-finals of 1959. He was signed by Gills from Manchester City in 1955 and transferred to Norwich two years later. 71 apps, 16 goals.

CRICKMORE, CHARLIE. Goalscoring winger signed from Bournemouth in June 1966. An instant success, he created interest among other clubs and was eventually transferred to Rotherham for £20,000 in November 1967. 53 apps, 13 goals.

CURTIS, HARRY. Former referee who was appointed secretary/manager in May 1923. He departed to take charge at Brentford in 1926, leading them into Division Two (1934) and then Division One two years later.

Quiz Answers

1. Southampton, 2. Wycombe Wanderers, 3. 1972/73, 4. Eric Black (Aberdeen), 5. Meadowbank Thistle, 6. Bob Bolder (Sheffield Wednesday), 7. Gerry Francis, 8. Maidstone United, 9. Bury, 10. David Crown and Trevor Senior.

MATCHFACTS

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SHAW	5 4 5
SITTON	4 5 4
HANDFORD	6 6 12
TYDEMAN	8 7 8

	Date	Opponents	F	A	Att.	Scorers
A	Aug. 27	Sheffield Utd.	0	4	10,405	
H	Aug. 30	Chelsea (MC1 1L)	1	2	8,633	Shaw
H	Sept. 3	Hull City	1	2	3,019	Leslie
H	Sept. 6	Bolton Wanderers				
A	Sept. 10	Plymouth Argyle				
A	Sept. 13	Chelsea (MC1 2L)				
H	Sept. 17	Oxford Utd.				
A	Sept. 24	AFC Bournemouth				
A	Sept. 27	Orient				
H	Oct. 1	Brentford				
	Oct. 4/5	(MC2 1L)				
H	Oct. 8	Preston				
A	Oct. 15	Burnley				
H	Oct. 18	Exeter City				
A	Oct. 22	Wigan Athletic				
	Oct. 25/26	(MC2 2L)				
H	Oct. 29	Millwall				
A	Nov. 2	Bradford City				
H	Nov. 5	Lincoln City				
	Nov. 8/9	(MC3)				
A	Nov. 12	Walsall				
	Nov. 19	FA Challenge Cup (1)				
H	Nov. 26	Rotherham Utd				
	Nov. 29/30	(MC4)				
A	Dec. 3	Port Vale				
	Dec. 10	FA Challenge Cup (2)				
A	Dec. 17	Scunthorpe Utd				
H	Dec. 26	Southend				
A	Dec. 27	Bristol Rovers				
H	Dec. 31	Wimbledon				
A	Jan. 2	Newport County				
A	Jan. 7	Hull City (FAC3)				
H	Jan. 14	Sheffield Utd				
	Jan. 17/18	(MC5)				
A	Jan. 21	Oxford Utd				
H	Jan. 28	Plymouth A. (FAC4)				
A	Feb. 4	Brentford				
	Feb. 7/8	(MC Semi-Final 1L)				
H	Feb. 11	AFC Bournemouth				
	Feb. 14/15	(MC Semi-Final 2L)				
H	Feb. 14	Bradford City				
	Feb. 18	FA Challenge Cup (5)				
A	Feb. 19	Millwall				
H	Feb. 25	Wigan Athletic				
A	Mar. 3	Exeter City				
A	Mar. 7	Lincoln City				
H	Mar. 10	Walsall (FAC6)				
A	Mar. 17	Preston				
H	Mar. 24	Burnley				
	Mar. 25	(MC Final)				
H	Mar. 31	Orient				
A	April 7	Bolton Wanderers				
H	April 14	Port Vale (FAC Semi)				
A	April 20	Southend United				
H	April 23	Bristol Rovers				
A	April 28	Rotherham Utd				
H	May 5	Newport County				
A	May 7	Wimbledon				
H	May 12	Scunthorpe Utd				
	May 19	FA Cup Final				

MC — MILK CUP

MATCHFACTS

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

1983			F	A
Aug	27	(H) Portsmouth	1	0
Sep	3	(A) Southend	2	1
	10	(A) Tottenham		
	17	(H) Watford		
	24	(A) Arsenal		
Oct	1	(A) Tottenham		
	8	(A) Cambridge		
	15	(A) Charlton		
	22	(H) Chelsea		
	29	(H) Fulham		
Nov	5	(H) West Ham		
	19	(H) Ipswich		
	26	(A) Millwall		
Dec	3	(A) Norwich		
	10	(H) Orient		
	17	(A) Ipswich		

1984		
Jan	7	(H) Q.P.R.
	14	(H) Southend
	21	(H) Tottenham
	28	(A) Watford
Feb	11	(H) Cambridge
	25	(A) Chelsea
Mar	3	(A) Fulham
	10	(A) West Ham
	17	(H) Charlton
	24	(H) Millwall
	31	(H) Arsenal
Apr	7	(A) Orient
	14	(A) Portsmouth
	28	(H) Norwich
May	5	(A) Q.P.R.

SENIOR LEAGUE CUP

Oct	1	(A) Tottenham
Nov	12	Round 2

South East Counties League, Saturday, September 3 away to Southend at Roots Hall. Result 2-1. Half time 0-1. Scorers: Wilson, Avery.
 Beeney; Douch, Scotting, Blewden, Whitton, Collins, Wilson, Young, Avery, Parry, Virrall.

LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

FINAL TABLE 1982-83

	Home			Goals			Away			Goals			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	46	16	4	3	43	19	11	6	6	31	22	91	
Cardiff City	46	17	5	1	45	14	8	6	9	31	36	86	
Huddersfield Town	46	15	8	0	56	18	8	5	10	28	31	82	
Newport County	46	13	7	3	40	20	10	2	11	36	34	78	
Oxford United	46	12	9	2	41	23	10	3	10	30	30	78	
Lincoln City	46	17	1	5	55	22	6	6	11	22	29	76	
Bristol Rovers	46	16	4	3	55	21	6	5	12	29	37	75	
Plymouth Argyle	46	15	2	6	37	23	4	6	13	24	43	65	
Brentford	46	14	4	5	50	28	4	6	13	38	49	64	
Walsall	46	14	5	4	38	19	3	8	12	26	44	64	
Sheffield United	46	16	3	4	44	20	3	4	16	18	44	64	
Bradford City	46	11	7	5	41	27	5	6	12	27	42	61	
Gillingham	46	12	4	7	37	29	4	9	10	21	30	61	
AFC Bournemouth	46	11	7	5	35	20	5	6	12	24	48	61	
Southend United	46	10	8	5	41	28	5	6	12	25	37	59	
Preston North End	46	11	10	2	35	17	4	3	16	25	52	58	
Millwall	46	12	7	4	41	24	2	6	15	23	53	55	
Wigan Athletic	46	10	4	9	35	33	5	5	13	25	39	54	
Exeter City	46	12	4	7	49	43	2	8	13	32	61	54	
Orient	46	10	6	7	44	38	5	3	15	20	50	54	
Reading	46	10	8	5	37	28	2	9	12	27	51	53	
Wrexham	46	11	6	6	40	26	1	9	13	16	50	51	
Doncaster Rovers	46	6	8	9	38	44	3	3	17	19	53	38	
Chesterfield	46	6	6	11	28	28	2	7	14	15	40	37	

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES

Senior League

FINAL TABLE 1982-83

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich C.	28	20	8	0	79	16	48
West Ham	28	18	4	6	79	33	40
Q.P.R.	28	15	6	7	88	36	36
Watford	28	15	4	9	68	56	34
Ipswich T.	28	10	12	6	51	43	32
Chelsea	28	10	9	9	53	53	29
Charlton A.	28	12	5	11	52	54	29
Tottenham	28	12	5	11	51	53	29
Gillingham	28	7	10	11	46	57	24
Millwall	28	8	7	13	40	51	23
Arsenal	28	8	7	13	40	59	23
Orient	28	6	9	13	49	71	21
Southend	28	8	5	15	37	68	21
Portsmouth	28	5	8	15	28	64	18
Fulham	28	2	9	17	25	72	13

GILLS

CHANGES

BLUE

RON HILLYARD
JOHN SHARPE
PAUL GARNER
JOHN SITTON
PETER SHAW
DICK TYDEMAN
RAY DANIEL
JEFF JOHNSON
JOHN LESLIE
DAVE MEHMET
MARK WEATHERLY

BOLTON

WHITE

CHANGES

1 SIMON FARNWORTH
2 BRIAN BORROWS
3 RAY DEAKIN
4 NEIL REDFEARN
5 GERRY McELHINNEY
6 PETER VALENTINE
7 STEVE SAUNDERS
8 JEFF CHANDLER
9 SIMON RUDGE
10 TONY CALDWELL
11 WARREN JOYCE
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Referee

D. H. Brazier
(Northampton)

Linesmen

P. Don
Red
E. D. Griffith
Yellow

Next Home Game

First Team v
Oxford United
Saturday, 17th September
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Voucher

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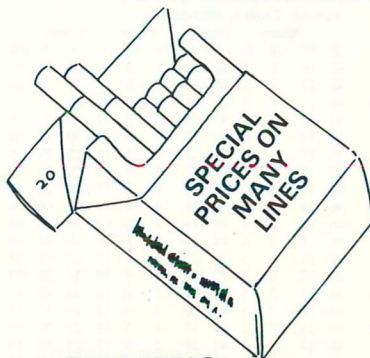
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